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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is a question which has to be considered afterwards; there is the question in that case of the difficulty of managing voluntary workers."

Opening of special hospitals for incurables and for children's diseases.

* 42 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government are contemplating opening of special hospitals for incurables and whether the Government have an intention of opening a hospital specially for children's diseases?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have considered the question of constructing a house for chronic and incurable cases and have dropped it on account of financial stringency. They are now considering instead the question of rendering financial aid to the Indian Red Cross Society for the starting and maintenance of a hospital for incurables on the foreshore of the Cholavaram lake, to which may be transferred chronic and incurables cases who come to the City State hospitals for treatment.

" In view of the financial position the Government have no intention of opening a hospital for children's diseases.

" I might also inform the hon. Member that there are hospitals for children in the City and they are all functioning very satisfactorily."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister, what happened to the request of the All-India Women's Conference for special hospitals to provide for the needs of women cancer patients? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That does not arise out of this question."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" They are incurables and the question is about incurables? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Treatment of patients suffering from cancer has been the subject matter of questions in the other House and in reply to a series of questions, I have replied that the Government have taken the question of cancer on hand and that they have formulated certain schemes."

Rehabilitation of displaced persons from the Tungabhadra Project area.

* 43 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what the decisions are of the Departmental conference recently held on the question of the rehabilitation of displaced persons from the Tungabhadra Project area? 11-15 a.m.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"It was decided—
(i) to render assistance to the displaced population even if it involved some extra expenditure;

"(ii) to make extra provision in the estimates for the project to cover the cost of resettling the displaced population; and

"(iii) to put a suitable officer on special duty to study and prepare a detailed scheme for resettlement and to give him some broad instructions on the lines settled at the Conference."

Enforcement of the rules for road safety.

* 44 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps, if any, have been taken to enforce the rules framed under the Madras Road Traffic Code, 1940, for road safety;

(*b*) whether the Government have inaugurated or propose to inaugurate a scheme to educate the public in the rules of the road;

(*c*) whether any provision exists now in the scheme of studies in schools and colleges conveying lessons in the rules of the road;

(*d*) whether statistics of casualties on the roads are maintained, and if so, what the incidence of such accidents have been during the past three years; and

(*e*) what steps, if any, have been taken to prevent further increase in casualties on the roads?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" A pretty long answer, Sir, but it does not contain any statistics.

"(*a*) Mobile Police staff has been appointed in Madras City for detecting and preventing driving offences and also for educating drivers and members of the public in road manners. Necessary motor cycle combinations with loud speaker arrangements have also been sanctioned for the purpose.

"Instructions have been issued to the Police authorities that they should enforce traffic rules strictly to prevent jay walking not necessarily by prosecution but by warning people.

"(*b*) A press note was issued in June 1947 inviting the co-operation of the public in the prevention of road accidents and emphasising the need for better road sense.

"The Government of India have agreed with the conclusion reached at the ninth meeting of the Transport Advisory Council held in November 1946 that safety first propaganda should be directed from the Centre and that the Central Government should draw up plans and provide the services of technical staff for planning campaigns, designing advertisements and posters and writing pamphlets, etc., while leaving the actual implementation of the plans to the Provincial